

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-52 (canceled).

¹~~53~~ (currently amended). An isolated and purified antibody, wherein said antibody binds specifically to a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of ~~FIG. 1 or in FIG. 2~~ SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 9.

²~~54~~ (previously entered). The antibody according to claim ¹~~53~~⁹, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

³~~55~~ (previously entered). The antibody according to claim ¹~~53~~⁹, comprising a detectable label.

⁴~~56~~ (previously entered). A hybridoma cell secreting an antibody according to claim ²~~54~~⁹.

57-67 (cancelled).

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